



Tropical Dermatology: a syndrome-based approach

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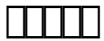
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Patients affected by skin conditions present signs and symptoms that guide the next steps for clinicians to reach the correct diagnosis. Sometimes a syndrome is enough to establish a diagnosis while in other instances it is necessary to perform specific tests.

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- describe the different types of skin lesions;

- explain the aetiology of the main skin diseases found in the tropics;
- describe how the diagnosis of those diseases is made, and;
- explain how to treat those skin tropical diseases.



This course provides an overview of skin diseases seen in the tropics with emphasis on diagnoses that are common or of medical/public health importance. The diseases are organized by presenting complaint. This is designed to reflect how clinicians evaluate patients: by clinical presentation rather than by aetiology of disease.

For each disease, the key clinical findings, aetiology, diagnosis and management are discussed.

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Approximate course duration: Approximately 5 hours.

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The course is divided into 7 modules. The first module is a review of the terminology used to describe skin diseases; these are essential to know before proceeding with the rest of the course. The next six modules are organized by presentation of illness:

- Itch in the Tropics
- Pigmentary Disorders
- Enlarged Limbs
- Cutaneous Nodules
- Fever and Rash
- Cutaneous Ulcers

The aim of the course is to provide information about tropical dermatology with focus on syndromes to increase knowledge and skills of front-line health workers.



National and district-level front-line health workers.



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